

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 6-1603. Chief of Police --

1. The chief of police shall be appointed by the police commission for a term of five years. The chief shall have had a minimum of five years of training and experience in law enforcement work, at least three years of which shall have been in a responsible administrative capacity. The chief shall not serve beyond the expiration of a term unless appointed again by the police commission. If desiring to do so, the police commission may appoint an incumbent chief to a new term without first engaging in an applicant solicitation and selection process.

2. Before the expiration of a term to which appointed, the chief may be removed by the police commission only for cause. As prerequisites to removal, the chief shall be given a written statement of the charge and an opportunity for a hearing before the police commission.

3. Gross or continuous maladministration shall be a cause sufficient for removal of the chief. Before removing the chief for such cause, the commission shall give the chief written notice of and a reasonable period to cure the gross or continuous maladministration. If the gross or continuous maladministration is not cured to the commission's satisfaction within the period given, the commission may proceed to remove the chief in accordance with subsection 2.

This subsection shall not be construed as:

(a) Making gross or continuous maladministration the only cause sufficient for removal of a chief; or

(b) Requiring the commission to give the notice and opportunity for cure specified under this subsection when removing a chief for a cause other than gross or continuous maladministration.

(Reso. 83-357; 1998 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 6(I))